

# 11<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Disaster Management

Tom Frey, International Program Coordinator for the Office of Fire and Aviation was a speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Disaster Management held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The conference was held June 24 - 27, 2001, and was sponsored by the Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness. This annual conference brings together about 400 emergency managers from a variety of fields including emergency management, business continuity, and emergency health care. The conference which have been held since 1989, are billed for which promote communication and networking among professionals through the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experience. About 15 countries were represented at the conference.

Tom's presentation was on the 2000 fire season and the prospects for the 2001 fire season in the U.S. He emphasized the international assistance that the U.S. received from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico. Tom answered several questions from the audience, of about 60 conference attendees, about the process of mobilizing and supporting thousands of firefighters in the field. His presentation was a part of conference presentations called *real events*. Other presentations were referred to as *real leaders*, *real issues*, and *real solutions*.

